



# Miracle of America Museum

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Agriculture is such an important part of Montana history and the Miracle of America Museum has relegated many of the buildings on the museum owned four and one half acres to agriculture.

Insofar as financially possible, we feel this committee has the opportunity to make an important and timely investment in preserving Montana's agriculture heritage.

This barn was historic to the area, especially the wool industry, but to most other aspects of farming and ranching and was well suited to display the many rare artifacts.

An accidental fire destroyed much of the barn and many farm related antiques. We have been able to restore some of the items and found artifacts to replace others that were lost in the fire.

Our project of rehabilitating the barn professionally will allow the protection of the restored and newly acquired artifacts similar or identical to the lost items. Additional teaching displays will be incorporated in the rehabilitated building.

In the past 36 years we have proven ourselves to be, as past Governor Judy Martz said, "A premier tourist attraction" for the state of Montana, bringing in visitors from around the world. Over 50 different countries are represented in our guest books, all 50 states and all Canadian provinces. Marketing on Facebook groups and articles in Farm Antique magazines draws visitors

Financially, our attraction benefits the whole of Montana. While our finances are healthy for the operation of the museum at this time, we can not do this project without your help. We have received financial match funds and pledges of labor and are only awaiting your approval. Building supplies have inflated. We ask that you approve the full amount of our request.

Thank you, Gil Mangels, Founder and CEO.